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INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1073

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, XG

SUBJECT: E&E SITUATION

REF: STATE 199685

1. SITUATION IN JERUSALEM IS STANDFAST. TRANSPORTATION ROUTES OUT OF COUNTRY (LOD AIRPORT AND BRIDGES TO JORDAN) ARE CLOSED. AMERICAN CITIZENS IN CONSULAR DISTRICT ARE NOT IN IMMEDIATE DANGER. SHORTAGES OF PARTICULAR FOOD ITEMS ARE ARISING FROM RUSH BUYING OCT 7, BUT SERIOUS FOOD OR WATER SHORTAGES SEEM UNLIKELY. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED LARGE NUMBER TELEPHONE INQUIREIES FROM US CITIZENS SINCE EARLY AFTERNOON OCT 6, BUT IN GENERAL TOURISTS AND RESIDENT CITIZENS SEEM TO BE ACCEPTING SITUATION CALMLY.

2. CONGEN HAS TAKEN ROUTINE INTERNAL MEASURES TO COPE WITH CRISIS SITUATION, PUTTING E&E COMMITTEE INTO OPERATION, ESTABLISHING 24-HOUR DUTY OFFICER AND COMMUNICATIONS WATCHES, ETC. WE NOTIFIED DEPENDENTS TO KEEP NEAR HOME, CHECK FOOD AND FUEL SUPPLIES. WE HAVE PUT BLACKOUT MEASURES INTO EFFECT AS
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REQUESTED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES.

3. CONGEN HAS REVIEWED PHYSICAL SECURITY SITUATION BUT FINDS LITTLE GROUNDS FOR SPECIAL CONCERN. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE BOOSTED ISRAELI ARMED GUARD SERVICE FOR BOTH OLD AND NEW CITY OFFICES FROM NIGHT COVERAGE TO 24 HOURS. INVENTORY OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL INDICATES ABOUT SEVEN HOURS REQUIRED FOR DESTRUCTION.

4. TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO US CITIZENS, CONGEN HAS OPENED CONSULAR OFFICE (OLD CITY OFFICE) AND WILL KEEP IT OPEN DURING DAY TIME HOURS SO LONG AS NEED WARRANTS. WE HAVE UPDATED LIST OF KEY AMERICANS IN JERUSALEM AND ARE CALLING THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GROUPS OF US CITIZENS (DEANS OF SCHOOLS, ETC.)

5. WE ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EMBASSY TEL AVIV, PARTICULARLY FOR PURPOSES OF ESTIMATING DEGREE OF DANGER TO US CITIZENS IN CURRENT SITUATION.
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